

Etched With Blood and With Rust Upon a Blade of Steel

Is a story of romance, of death and of adventure more strange than any yet written into fiction. Four hundred years have passed in the writing of this story—story that had its beginning when Vasco Nunez de Balboa led his band of adventurers across the mainland of Central America to the coast of the Pacific, and to which there has been written in the printing of the rusted blade to Chicago by Major McKelvey. It is printed in full in The Parisian and is the story of

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COMMISSIONERS WOULD WELCOME ROAD LAW TEST; CONTINUE WORK

Members of the Henry County Highway Commission will continue to let contracts for road work under the old Henry county law until that statute is tested in the courts; they will not institute proceedings in the courts to test the act, nor will an extra session of the county court be called to appropriate money for that purpose.

At the regular meeting of the Highway Commission Monday they were advised by Gen. J. W. Lewis that they were the lawful road authorities of the county, and that even if the Robertson and Haywood county road act does repeal the Henry county statute that they hold until their successors are elected and qualified under the other law.

The members of the commission are elected by the county court and they believe that they are responsible to the county court only.

ONE CLAUSE ON WHICH ROAD OFFICIALS RELY TO SUSTAIN OLD STATUTE.
A statute made applicable in counties having a population within designated minimum and maximum limits, according to the last (then existing) or any subsequent federal census, is applicable in all counties coming within its provisions when passed, and remains in force and continues applicable in said counties, notwithstanding any change that may occur in their population as shown by any future federal census, and until it shall be repealed by proper legislative act, and it applies in all other counties that may come within its provisions by changes in their population as shown by any future federal census.

One member of the commission told a representative of The Parisian that while the officials would be glad to have the law tested in the courts that they did not feel authorized to spend the county's funds in testing the act, nor did they believe that they should be required to spend the money personally.

If someone would enjoin the commissioners and the road supervisor from continuing to act in their official capacities, then the law would have to go to the courts for decision, and the officials would be glad to have the matter determined, but unless they are enjoined on the court at its April term should appropriate funds to test the act, they will continue to act under the old law.

Those who contend that the statutory qualifications at Robertson and Haywood county time, but hereafter attaining it, shall not enter. On the contrary, each county, upon reaching the prescribed number of population, according to the federal census, becomes at once entitled to the benefit of the statute. It being possible for all the counties of the state to bring itself within its provisions.

This decision is very plain and shows the Henry county law repealed many believe.

This act extends to all parts of the state. It fixes no limits within which counties failing in number of population in the

Robertson and Haywood county act would become at once entitled to the benefit of the statute.

As the Attorney General of the State gives opinions only to State officials it is not known whether the road commissioners can get an opinion from Gen. Thompson, although an effort is being made to secure same.

All of the commissioners, except George C. McGeehan, who was ill, attended the meeting Monday.

County Judge Clendenin has appointed John Patterson as a member of the commission, succeeding John T. VanDyke. At the meeting Monday John Richardson resigned as secretary of the commission, and nominated Mr. Patterson as his successor. Mr. Patterson was elected. Two contracts for road work were let and others are figuring with the commission for contracts.

TELEPHONE COMPANY MADE DEFENDANT IN CITY'S SUIT

Recovery of More Than \$3,000 Rent On Poles Sought In Chancery Court

SPECIAL MEETING COUNCIL AUTHORIZES PROCEEDINGS
Action is Brought Under Ordinance Passed By Council

In Year 1910

Seeking to recover more than \$3,000 rent on telephone poles within the city limits, suit was filed for the City of Paris in Chancery Court Wednesday afternoon, following a special called session of the city council, against the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The action is brought under an ordinance passed in 1910 requiring the telephone company to pay the city \$2.00 per pole yearly in rent. The company declined to pay the rent and the matter has been dragging along for six years.

On Wednesday the council held a special meeting and passed a resolution authorizing suit for whole amount of rent claimed since the passage of the ordinance six years ago. As there are now 252 telephone poles in the city this makes the total amount sought in the action more than \$3,000. Fitzhugh and Morton represent the city in the proceedings.

HOME TALENT PLAY BENEFIT OF GROVE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

"Her Mother" is the title of a home talent play in three acts to be given at the Dixie theatre tonight (Friday) for the benefit of the Grove High School Athletic Association.

All of the Grove students have been boosting the play for weeks and have sold a large number of reserved seat tickets. In addition to the play, which will be put on by a cast of local favorites, the usual picture program will also be given. A large audience is expected to attend. The show starts at 7:30 o'clock, as usual.

Magazines Are Announced For Reading Rooms

At a meeting of the literature committee of the Baraco Philathea reading rooms last Tuesday night magazines for the year were selected.

The committee is composed of Ross Rogers, chairman, Rev. W. H. Ryals, Miss Judson Roach, Mrs. Chas. Smith, Prof. M. M. Phillips and Rev. R. C. McElroy. The following magazines were selected by the committee: Recreation, World's Work, Youth's Companion, Saturday Evening Post, Outlook, Ladies Home Journal, Geographic, Literary Digest, Scientific American and the Western Rotator.

The high school boys and girls are using the magazines extensively and the young men and women of the city who are not in school always find a welcome at the reading rooms. Old and young are invited to come to the rooms and read.

COUNCIL ORDERS PAVEMENTS

The laying of concrete pavements on the East side of Brewer street from Blythe to Washington and of concrete crossings at intersection of Brewer and Blythe and Brewer and Washington were ordered at the adjourned meeting of the city council Thursday night of last week.

Mercury Drops On Sunday and Light Snow Arrives

After several warm days and nights, the people of Henry county awoke Monday morning to find a thin covering of snow upon the ground and a stout breeze blowing.

All during Sunday the mercury continued to fall until on Monday morning the thermometers registered about sixteen degrees above zero. All hope of planting garden during the week was blasted by the sudden change in temperature.

Orders Indictment Of Women In Prize Card Games

Indict every woman, no matter who she is, if she is caught playing cards for booty and stop this terrible crime of teaching boys to be gamblers and then drunkards.

"The card table is the ruin of many a boy and that card table is in the home. Investigate the society gambling first and then go after the negro and the ignorant class of people."

This is the charge delivered to the grand jury at Hopkinsville, Ky., by Judge Carl Henderson of the Circuit Court. Judge Henderson asserted that society women had much more influence on the community than a lower class, hence the greater importance of suppressing violations of the anti-gambling laws. His charge has resulted in much comment throughout the country.

AGED LEDGER RECALLS METHOD AND PRICES OF NEARLY CENTURY GONE

Yellowed Book of Old Paris Firm Is Owned By J. E. Kendall of Elkhorn

NINETY YEARS AGO SUGAR SOLD 7 POUNDS TO DOLLAR

Thread Sold At Quarter Per Spool In the Good Year of 1826

Ninety years ago sugar sold in Paris at seven pounds for one dollar, while thread was twenty-five cents per spool, according to a ledger used here in 1826 which was brought to town a few days ago by J. E. Kendall of the old Sixteenth district.

The ledger is yellowed with age and tattered by the years that are gone, but the ink was good and the entries can be easily read.

OFFICERS DRAG POOLS IN HUNT FOR BODY OF MISSING NEGRO WOMAN

Tom Barr Arrested On Suspicion of Having Murdered Josie Pryor

WOODS NEAR PARIS SCoured BUT BODY NOT YET LOCATED

Negro Held In Jail Protests Innocence But Was Last Seen With Woman

Tom Barr, negro, is held in jail on suspicion and officers are scouring the woods and dragging lakes and pools about Paris in a search for the body of Josie Pryor, a negro, who was last seen with Barr at a late hour Saturday night.

The negro protests his innocence although admitting that he was with the negro Saturday night. Witnesses say it is

Debate Votes For Women Fairview School Tonight

"Votes for Women" will be the subject of a debate at Fairview school house tonight (Friday) when Rev. P. P. Pullen, Everett Phelps and Shade Brown will argue in favor of granting suffrage to the fair sex, and James Greer, C. A. Pullen, of

KILLS TIMBER WOLF AFTER FIERCE BATTLE WITH DOGS

Clans Gathering For Republicans Local Pow-wow

Saturday afternoon is the Republican convention and the clans are beginning to gather.

The local leaders have been holding conferences all day and preparing for the county pow-wow tomorrow. Just what they have up their sleeve is not known.

In East Tennessee there have been some warm fights in the G. O. P. county gatherings between the Bensley and the Sanders factions with the former coming out on top in nearly every instance.

Whether the feud between the two state leaders, Bensley, the state chairman, and Sanders, the national committeeman, will enter into the Henry county gathering of the faithful is not known. Some believe that it will and some say not, but it seems that very few of the Republicans about here know just where they stand in regard to the state feud.

Only two things seem assured. D. M. Nobles will get the instructions of Henry county for delegates to the national convention and the local Bull Moose faction will remain away from the convention and later hold a meeting of their own naming delegates to the state convention of the progressive party to be held June 8, one month after the G. O. P. state gathering.

The only fight that is likely to

Animal Terrifies Community For Years Before Being Run Down By Dogs

ESCAPED FROM CAGE AFTER SHIPPED HERE FROM WEST

Ernest Jackson, Puryear Citizen, Wins Reward By Killing Great Beast

Ernest Jackson, sportsman and farmer of near Puryear was there Monday and told of a successful wolf hunt Saturday in which his thoroughbred dogs won for him a handsome reward in silver besides the carcass of a big grey, timber wolf that for three years had terrorized the citizens of Beech Grove Church vicinity on Terrapin creek in Graves county, Kentucky. Several years ago a wolf was shipped from the West to parties living in that vicinity and it escaped from the cage.

There were many attempts to capture the animal but it eluded all efforts of trap, dog and gun. It had grown bold in its thefts and carried away whole flocks of geese and numbers of pigs and lambs, while its howling alarmed the inhabitants every night. Parents were afraid for their children to go far from the yard. Friday night in company with Romie Overcast and Jim Martin, also of near Puryear, Mr. Jackson with his six dogs set out for the hunt of the wolf. Saturday forenoon, the dogs trailed and for thirty or forty minutes there was a grand race; the hunter said, most of it being by sight, then the victim turned on the pursuers and two of the dogs received ugly wounds from the creatures teeth and claws before it was killed. The wolf was much larger than any of the dogs that hunted it to its death and its carcass attracted much attention in every town and village for the twenty-five miles the hunters traveled on their return home. Mr. Jackson's dogs are high bred fox and wolf hounds some from famous kennels in Missouri and Kentucky and part of the pack he bred and trained himself. Mr. Jackson told that a score or more of dogs had made unsuccessful attempts to catch this wolf and he declares now that his own dogs are second to none.